



Opportunities  
for  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
with  
**Rocky Mountain National Park**  
**Volunteer Program**



The National Park Service and Boy Scouts of America both work cooperatively to reach youth through environmental education and service projects within our National Parks. As a part of this special understanding the National Park Service Volunteer Office has multiple ways to help your Boy Scout troop make a connection with Rocky Mountain National Park, and earn some badges in the process.

Service projects can vary greatly within the Park and, therefore, what badges and recognition awards your troop may be able to receive will be based on the type of work you will be completing. Please let us know how we can best assist your troop and what you would like to get out of your visit to Rocky Mountain National Park. The Scout Ranger Award is the primary means of service recognition given to scouts, and some of the following awards may be available as well:



**Scout Ranger Program:**

This special program helps scouts to:

- Learn about the mission of the National Park Service
- Help protect the nation's natural, cultural, and historic resources
- Explore your national parks

We will help you complete all requirements for this patch with your service project in Rocky Mtn. National Park. Scout Ranger badges will then be handed out by NPS rangers.



**\*New for 2016-**This year we are offering special Scout Ranger patches to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service.

## **Other Awards That May Be Available:**

### **Conservation Good Turn Special Award Patch:**



This temporary patch worn on the right pocket is given to scouts who complete a conservation project with a federal agency or conservation groups. If desired, we may be able to help your scouts complete all requirements for this patch (or certificate). The patch can then be ordered online or from your local council.

### **Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award:**



To earn this patch, scouts focus on Leave No Trace and other outdoor ethic principles. The Park Service and Leave No Trace have a partnership and Rocky Mountain National Park offers Leave No Trace Awareness courses led by trained rangers. Many of the requirements for this patch can be completed at home before arriving at the park, and we can arrange for a ranger to certify the scouts in Leave No Trace principles.

### **Merit Badges:**

Your troop's service project meets some of the requirements for many different merit badges, including Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation, Environmental Science, and others. We can suggest possible merit badge requirements that your project may meet, or you can let us know if you have a specific merit badge you scouts are working on.

